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House of Representatives

(Legislative day of Friday, December 22, 1995)

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 11 o'clock and 55 minutes a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

As our hearts are full of the blessings of this life and abounding in gratitude for opportunities for service in this new year, we pause in this our prayer, O God, to ask for that spiritual strength and compass that You alone can give. Point us to the way of justice, direct us with the vision of mercy, sustain us with Your abiding presence, and encourage us always to celebrate and sustain the rich heritage of our Nation's spirit. For all these tasks which can seem so daunting, we pray for Your blessing and Your peace. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SOLOMON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1643. An act to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Bulgaria.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1508) "An act to assure that all Federal employees work and are paid," with an amendment to the House amendment.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

Washington, DC, January 3, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH, Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington,

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 5 of rule III of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following messages from the Secretary of the Senate on Monday, January 2, 1996, at 10:30 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1514; and That the Senate passed without amendments H.R. 2808.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE, Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill on Tuesday, January 2, 1996: H.R. 2808, to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994, until March 31, 1996, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HON-ORABLE TOM DELAY, MAJORITY WHIP

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable TOM DELAY, majority whip: CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC, December 28, 1995.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to rule L (50) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that William Jarrell, Deputy Chief of Staff for Administration in this office, has been served with a subpoena issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in the matter of *United States* v. *Fitzpatrick*.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

Tom Delay, Majority Whip.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SER-GEANT AT ARMS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,
Washington, DC, December 29, 1995.
Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to rule L (50) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that Patricia Schaap, an employee of this office, has been served with a subpoena issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in the matter of *United States* v. *Fitzpatrick*.

After consultation with the Office of the General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

WILSON LIVINGOOD, Sergeant at Arms.

 \Box This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., \Box 1407 is 2:07 p.m. Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following message from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, December 29, 1995.
Hon. Newt Gingrich,

Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 5 of rule III of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on Friday, December 29, 1995, at 12:10 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he submits a semiannual report on the Russian Federation's continued compliance with emigration criteria as required by sections 402 and 409 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Sincerely yours,

ROBIN H. CARLE,

CONTINUED MOST-FAVORED-NATION STATUS FOR RUSSIAN FEDERATION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 104–154)

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

On September 21, 1994, I determined and reported to the Congress that the Russian Federation is in full compliance with the freedom of emigration criteria of sections 402 and 409 of the Trade Act of 1974. This action allowed for the continuation of most-favorednation (MFN) status for Russia and certain other activities without the requirement of an annual waiver.

As required by law, I am submitting an updated report to the Congress concerning the emigration laws and policies of the Russian Federation. You will find that the report indicates continued Russian compliance with U.S. and international standards in the area of emigration.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON. THE WHITE HOUSE, *December 29, 1995.*

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, would it be in order for me at this time to ask unanimous consent to take up H.R. 1643, the bill just reported to us by the other body?

The SPEAKER. The Chair asks the gentleman to suspend. The House will come right back in session.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2808. An act to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994 until March 31, 1996, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on the following days present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles:

On December 23, 1995:

H.R. 2539. An act to abolish the Interstate Commerce Commission, to amend subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, to reform economic regulation of transportation, and for other purposes.

On December 29, 1995:

H.R. 4. An act to restore the American family, enhance support and work opportunities for families with children, reduce out-of-

wedlock pregnancies, reduce welfare dependence, and control welfare spending.

H.R. 394. An act to amend title 4 of the United States Code to limit State taxation of certain pension income.

H.R. 1878. An act to extend for 4 years the period of applicability of enrollment mix requirement to certain health maintenance organizations providing services under Dayton Area Health Plan.

H.R. 2627. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the founding of the Smithsonian Institution.

SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the 20th amendment of the Constitution of the United States, the Chair declares the 1st session of the 104th Congress adjourned sine die.

Thereupon (at 12 noon) pursuant to the 20th amendment of the Constitution of the United States, the House adjourned.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. PICKETT:

H. Con. Res. 130. Concurrent resolution to express the sense of the Congress that the Bureau of Labor Statistics should develop and publish monthly a cost of living index; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

January 3 (legislative day, December 22, 1995),

H.R. 1514: Mr. BASS and Mr. BROWN of Ohio.

H.R. 1889: Mr. DAVIS and Mr. BERMAN.

H.R. 1968: Mr. McHugh and Mr. Walsh. H.R. 2450: Mr. Bachus and Mr. Emerson.

H.R. 2430; Mr. BACHUS AND Mr. EMERSON

H.R. 2540: Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 2619: Mr. DURBIN.



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Senate

The Senate met at 11:55 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John

Ogilvie, offered the following prayer: Almighty God, we thank You for dividing our life into years. You have given us a New Year's inning to prepare us for a new beginning; You have opened Your forgiving heart, and You have offered us a fresh start. With freedom from the past, we have hope in You that will last. Lord, show us the way and grant us courage for each new day.

If ever we needed Your wisdom and guidance it is now. We stand on the threshold of a new year loaded down with the heavy burdens of unresolved issues of the balanced budget. Grant the President and the leaders of Congress a special anointing of Your healing, reconciling power. The Nation and the world stand on tiptoe waiting to see how great leaders can put their trust in You, and then trust each other as they work together to resolve differences.

Now, Lord, we commit to You this day and all of the challenges and opportunities of this new year. Continue to fill this Senate Chamber with Your presence. May the Senators be aware of Your spirit impinging on their minds. May they listen to Your voice before they speak and then speak with echoes of Your tone, tenor, and truth. We humbly ask for supernatural power for the awesome demands of leadership in this year ahead. In the name of our Lord. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator DOLE, is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, the 2d session of the 104th Congress will automatically commence at 12 noon today. Therefore, in order to end the first session, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 11:57 a.m., adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

The hour provided under the Constitution for convening of the 2d session of the 104th Congress having arrived, the 1st session of the 104th Congress adjourned sine die.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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HIGHLIGHTS

First Session of the One Hundred Fourth Congress adjourned sine die. See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, page S19345
Senate met at 11:55 a.m., adjourned at 11:57
a.m., and pursuant to provisions of the Constitution of the United States, adjourned sine die at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 130 was introduced. Page H15658

Recess: House reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

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Presidential Message—Russian Emigration: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his semiannual report on the Russian Federation's continued compliance with emigration criteria—re-

ferred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–154). Page H15658

Quroum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Sine Die Adjournment: Pursuant to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, at 11:59 a.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 1996, the Speaker declared the first session of the One Hundred Fourth Congress adjourned sine die.

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Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 4, 1995 through January 3, 1996

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 4, 1995 through January 3, 1996

January 4, 1775 through January 3, 1770				January 4, 1775 through January 5, 1770		
	Senate	House	Total	Civilian nominations, totaling 461, disposed of as follows:		
Days in session	211	167		Confirmed	331	
Time in session	1839 hrs., 10'	1525 hrs., 21'		Unconfirmed		
Congressional Record:				Withdrawn	10	
Pages of proceedings				Returned at Sine Die Adjournment	. 1	
Extensions of Remarks				•		
Public bills enacted into law	28	60	88	Civilian naminations (FC DLIC CC NIOAA) totaling 2005 disposed		
Private bills enacted into law				Civilian nominations (FS, PHS, CG, NOAA), totaling 2,005, disposed of as follows:		
Bills in conference						
Bills through conference				Confirmed		
Measures passed, total	346	483		Unconfirmed	320	
Senate bills	77	34				
House bills	80	214		Air Force nominations, totaling 18,521, disposed of as follows:		
Senate joint resolutions	7	0		Confirmed	13 569	
House joint resolutions	11	15		Unconfirmed		
Senate concurrent resolutions	14	10			.,	
House concurrent resolutions	18	27				
Simple resolutions	139	183		Army nominations, totaling 12,345, disposed of as follows:		
Measures reported, total	*249	*400		Confirmed	10,041	
Senate bills	166	8		Unconfirmed	2,304	
House bills	35	236				
Senate joint resolutions	8	0		Navy nominations, totaling 12,106, disposed of as follows:		
House joint resolutions	7	7		,	10.077	
Senate concurrent resolutions	7	0		Confirmed		
House concurrent resolutions	1	3		Unconfirmed Returned at Sine Die Adjournment		
Simple resolutions	25	146		Returned at Sine Die Adjournment	O	
Special reports	16	12				
Conference reports	0	32		Marine Corps nominations, totaling 2,841, disposed of as follows:		
Measures pending on calendar	162	50		Confirmed	2,832	
Measures introduced, total	1801	3430		Unconfirmed	8	
Bills	1514	2840		Withdrawn	. 1	
Joint resolutions	45	137				
Concurrent resolutions	36	130				
Simple resolutions	206	324		Summary		
Quorum calls	3	18		Total nominations received this session	48.279	
Yea-and-nay votes	613	299		Total confirmed		
Recorded votes		568		Total unconfirmed		
Bills vetoed	1	11		Total withdrawn	. 11	
Vetoes overridden		1		Returned at Sine Die Adjournment	9	

^{*}These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 199 reports has been filed in the Senate; a total of 444 reports has been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 12 noon, Wednesday, January 3

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 12 noon, Wednesday, January 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will convene the Second Session of the One Hundred Fourth Congress and, after the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12:30 p.m.), Senate may consider conference reports, if available, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: House will convene the Second Session of the One Hundred Fourth Congress.



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